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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
0	- 20 = 0	x 50.00 =	0.00

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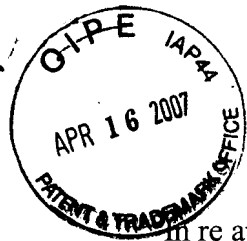
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OF FILTERS

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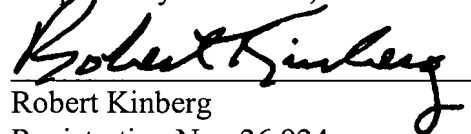
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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction in the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2007, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group II claims, which are assumed to contain Claims 17-29 drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing filters. The Action identifies only claim 17 in Group II; however, this appears to be an oversight as claims 18-29 are not addressed at all in the Action, and these claims, along with claim 17, are clearly drawn to the apparatus identified in Group II. Examination of Claims 17-29 on their merits is respectfully requested.

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